



DEFINING “DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES” IN AB 327

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DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES



[AB 32, SB 535, SB 43]

**Significant exposure to
contaminants (pollution)**

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**Vulnerable populations
(socio-economic)**

ACHIEVING ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

- This definition acknowledges **cumulative impacts** --

“Communities most burdened by pollution from multiple sources *and* most vulnerable to its effects taking into account socio-economic status and underlying health status.” [CalEPA]

- Helps to ensure “fair treatment of all Californians, including minority and low-income populations.”

TRANSFORMATIVE INVESTMENTS



AB 32: “where applicable and to the extent feasible, direct public and private investment toward the **most disadvantaged communities** in California.”

SB 535: “allocate a minimum of 25 percent of the [GGRF] to projects that provide benefits to [disadvantaged communities]” AND “a minimum of 10 percent... to projects located within [disadvantaged communities].

Cap and Trade Investment Plan 2013: “In the long-term, investments could help implement the **transformational changes** that will be needed to attain widespread use of advanced technologies, development of renewable energy, and reach our long-term GHG emissions reduction goals.”

The banner features a background image of an industrial facility with smokestacks and a city skyline at sunset. The text "CalEnviroScreen 2.0" is prominently displayed in white, bold, sans-serif font.

CalEnviroScreen 2.0

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- **Landmark Science-Based Tool -- identifies the “portions of the state that have higher pollution burdens and vulnerabilities than other areas, and therefore are most in need of assistance.”**
- **Robust public process; vetted by environmental justice advocates and academics over 5 years**
- **Top 25% of California’s census tracts designated as disadvantaged for purposes of SB 535 implementation**
- **Provides statewide reliability and consistency**
- **Identified communities may leverage GGRF/SB 535 funding to maximize benefits**